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In re Application of:)
Timothy. G. DINAN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1614
Application No.: 09/687,384) Examiner: Donna A. JAGOE
Filed: October 13, 2000)) \
For: TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASE USING ANTAGONISTS OR PARTIAL AGONISTS OF 5HT1a RECEPTORS))))

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are included in this paper. Remarks and Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.